The ICCA Consortium in 2018
Taghi’s farewell... territories of life, “inclusive conservation”, ICCAs as OECMs, working towards regionalization, our own policies and a financial future

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ICCA Consortium (www.iccaconsortium.org)

- rooted in the movements that promoted equity in conservation, and the international policy recognition of ICCAs...
- legally established in 2010 and registered as a global, member-based association under Swiss Law
• **Mission** – promote the *appropriate* recognition of ICCAs, and *appropriate* support to them

• **Members** – organizations & federations of indigenous peoples and local communities and NGOs directly supporting them (about 150 worldwide)

• **Honorary members** – committed and inspiring individuals with relevant capacities & concerns (about 350, in 80 countries)
Organs of the Association:

- General Assembly
- Council
- Auditor of accounts

- decision-making by consensus (voting only if consensus proves impossible)
- Vision, Statutes, Operational Guidelines, Strategy & yearly work reports online
- important efforts to make materials available in three languages
...an innovative work style (which is evolving 😊...)

➢ semi-volunteer personnel – 23 people based in 19 countries... no dedicated offices... work with Members

➢ coordinators and staff are self-directed, outstanding individuals, supported and coordinated rather than “instructed”...

➢ trust, flexibility and frugality are the name of the game: plans offer orientation, monitoring is carried out, but changes are expected and people are trusted to act at best possible for the mission with the most efficient possible use of resources
work

at local level
at national level
at regional level
at international level
Work at local level

**Aims:** ICCA self-awareness and strength, increased capacity, security, resilience, self-determination, “emblematic ICCAs”…

- supporting grassroots processes of self-strengthening of ICCAs
- analysis of problems and opportunities, conception and implementation of initiatives to strengthen and restore ICCAs (GEF SGP funding and others), support for community communication (videos & photo-stories, local radio, etc.)
- self-monitoring of conservation & livelihoods results & governance vitality, links with the UNEP WCMC Registry...
Assisting Members, partners and GSI catalytic organisations...

we wonder whether we should identify & directly assist some important “emblematic ICCAs” to offer them international visibility…
existing Consortium guidelines (in three languages) being reviewed, completed with case examples and redesigned also for Internet access
Work at national level

**Aims**: a “critical mass” for solidarity & effective advocacy in support of ICCAs; engaging civil society & ICCA leaders/ champions

- Promotion and support to national “ICCA networks” (working groups/ coalitions/ federations)
- Advocacy with technical agencies and policy makers for appropriate ICCA recognition and support
- Exchange visits and capacity building events
- Reports on “legal options” to recognize ICCAs
- National/regional governance evaluation processes (with IUCN)
Assisting Members, partners and GSI catalytic organisations to develop ICCA networks…

… need to communicate the results of the legal reviews, spelling out options for appropriate recognition & support of ICCAs-- territories of life
## ICCA “national networks”

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<td>Asia – Indonesia</td>
<td>Working Group on ICCAs in Indonesia – WGII Members include: AMAN), BRWA, HuMa, JKPP, KIARA, NTFP-EP, PUSAKA, Sawit Watch, WHALI WWF Indonesia</td>
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<td>National Learning Group of ICCAs in Vietnam.</td>
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<td>Taiwan Indigenous Conserved Territories Union – TICTU</td>
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<td>China ICCA Working Group. Members include Shan shui Conservation Center, BRC, many key individuals.</td>
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... others under development... Colombia, Mexico, Senegal, Benin, Guinea...
National network workshops supported in Tanzania, Peru, Iran, Colombia, Burkina Faso...
1. We commit to maintaining and strengthening the continuity of our system of conserving our territories and forests according to our world view
2. We commit to strengthening the effective governance of the protected areas that are in our ancestral territories
3. We commit to developing a map and platform that include our territories and conserved areas
4. We commit to establishing an alliance among various forms of indigenous territorial governance to share experiences and develop a common mandate and guidelines to strengthen conserved areas

DEMands to the Peruvian State under ILO Convention 169, the United Nations declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Convention on Biological Diversity

1. That the State recognize and guarantee our right as indigenous peoples to govern our integral territories
2. That the State recognize indigenous peoples as legitimate custodians in the management and conservation of our ancestral territories
3. That the State provide support for indigenous territorial governance since this is the best strategy for the conservation of nature and biological diversity
4. That the State highlight the indigenous territorial conservation systems as a contribution to the Latin American Protected Areas Congress that will be held in March 2019

To the International Community
We seek strategic alliances that contribute to the implementation and guarantee of indigenous territorial governance in our territories and conserved areas.
Alert in 2018

- Myanmar/ Ridge to Reef project opposed
Work at regional level

**Aims:** sharing **inspiring experiences**, providing mutual support, joint capacity building…

- Organization and facilitation of **regional events** and exchange visits…
... four regional events ("regional assemblies") organised in 2018 (two in collaboration with CICADA): South-East Asia (Aug.), Latin America (Oct.), Central and West Asia (Oct.) and Africa (Nov.)

...communication and planning, but also imagining a decentralised Consortium...
Work at international level

**Aim:** enhanced international recognition of the ICCA contribution to conservation of nature and culture, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, food sovereignty and security, collective rights and responsibilities and human wellbeing

Active presence at international policy negotiations & other regional and international events, partnerships and exchanges among IPs and LCs…

Developing applied research & publications with CBD, IUCN and other UN bodies (e.g., Policy Briefs)
Participation in CBD OECM workshop (Feb), UNFPII 2018 (April), CBD SBSTTA (July), ILC (Sept), Small-scale Fishery Congress (Oct) & forthcoming COP 14 (Nov)

CBD submissions
Plenary pronouncements
side events
meetings with UN Rapporteurs
Example of a result to be consolidated at COP 14:
language in SBSTTA Recommendation 22/5 (Annex 3, h) for Protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures:

Recognition of other effective area-based conservation measures should be supported by measures to enhance the governance capacity of their legitimate authorities and secure their positive and sustained outcomes for biodiversity, including, inter alia, policy frameworks and regulations to prevent and respond to threats;
ABSTRACT
This paper reflects on IUCN’s ongoing progress to develop technical guidance on ‘other effective area-based conservation measures’ (OECMs) and begins to explore under what conditions OECMs – as a new form of recognition – might make a positive contribution to territories and areas conserved by Indigenous peoples and local communities (abbreviated to ‘ICCAs’). It argues that while the protected areas framework is a potentially useful means by which to recognise the biodiversity contributions of some ICCAs, it is not universally appropriate. In this context, and subject to important caveats, OECM-related frameworks offer an important opportunity to increase recognition and support for ICCAs. The paper concludes with two
Project to provide advice to WWF International about “inclusive conservation” – gathered IPs & LCs for EMRIP and SBSTTA and held numerous discussions.

One of the results is → …will be launched at COP 14
ICCAs— territories of life...
governance vitality...

....decision-making actors and institutions are functional, responsive and thriving, meeting their role and responsibilities in timely and appropriate ways.

• Integration & connectivity
• Adaptability
• Wisdom
• Innovation and creativity
• Empowerment

preparing a primer and a paper for an academic journal
New work relations, collaborations & partnerships

- The National Geographic – beginning
- WWF International – providing advice for ‘inclusive conservation’
- CICADA – regional events, possibly more to come
- CBD Secretariat and others – just entered into a partnership to be launched at COP 14 towards reaching Aichi Target 11 by 2020 – with caveats:
  - Our members will decide on a country-by-country basis depending on capacities and expected partners
  - Recognition of ICCAs as OECMs (counting for Aichi Target 11) conditional on specific agreement by which the provision of information takes place with FPIC, with respect for the IP or LC governance institution at stake, and with a counterpart of enhanced security for the conserved territory or area, according to what the relevant IPs and LCs will ask for
five main projects “designed” to fit our mission & work:

➢ **GSI** → national strategic work in 26 countries + int. work on governance & ICCAs (capacities, ICCA Registry, etc.)

➢ **TCF** → global coordination + communications + international policy advocacy, publications...

➢ **Swedbio** → enhance our communication capacity with dedicated videos (LifeMosaic)

➢ **TIKVA & anon.** → meeting in Ethiopia
Strategic approach of the ICCA Consortium

Supporting local, national and transnational action

Influencing global policy, law and discourse

Building communication bridges and support materials

Thriving, secure, and durable ICCAs

- Governance
- Regionalization
- Human resources
- Communications
- Fundraising

Supporting the growth of the organization
➢ Assisting Members and partners in about **40 countries**, including for defending territories of life

➢ Providing technical assistance to UNEP WCMC & IUCN about ICCAs and governance issues

➢ Contributing to international biodiversity policy

➢ Communicating ICCAs, refining concepts

➢ Refining self-strengthening methodology & more
growth of the organization

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Governance of the Consortium

- elected **Council** of 19 people -- meetings on Skype
- **Search Committee** for new President and forthcoming Secretary of Council and Global Coordinator
- **Membership committee** very active
  Recruiting and serving Members (about 150 Members & 350 Honorary Members (approx. 20% growth per year)
- **Policy & Programme Committee** new policies: *Defending territories of life and their defenders* and *Gender*
- General Assembly 2018 and Council meeting in Bishoftu
Management/ Secretariat

- 23 peoples in 19 countries, 3 languages
- Global Coordinator + Programme Manager + International Policy Coordinator + Programme & Communications Officer + Senior Accountant + IT Officer + Marine & Coastal Strategy Advisor + Governance and Human rights Advisor (all women, all volunteers or semi-volunteers, no offices, 6 countries...)
- 15 Regional Coordinators (all volunteers or semi-volunteers, a few based in Members’ offices, 14 countries) & several volunteer collaborators
Human resources

- **Communications** still to be strengthened with appropriate tools and a professional officer.

- **Fundraising and reporting** personnel still lacking/ taking a huge toll from global secretariat.

- **Personnel benefits & procedural** aspects of planning & reporting may improve if regional coordination roles will be taken up by Members.
Throughout the existence of the Consortium, the Regional Coordinators have always developed their own plans. With more formal appointments, there is a need for **more systematic planning and clearer responsibilities**...

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<td><strong>Global Secretariat</strong></td>
<td>Lead on <strong>global policy engagement, communications and coordination</strong>, including synthesizing and distilling work across all regions and identifying opportunities for learning, exchange, <strong>strategic partnerships and advocacy</strong>; oversee overall strategy and management of the Consortium, including <strong>fundraising and human resources</strong>.</td>
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<td><strong>Regional Coordinators</strong></td>
<td>Lead on <strong>support and facilitation of national networks</strong>, including supporting <strong>national focal point organizations</strong>; develop and manage implementation of <strong>regional strategies and work plans</strong>, based on national action plans developed with national focal points; assist regional Members with <strong>transnational advocacy efforts</strong>; contribute to <strong>communications</strong> and identification of priorities for international advocacy and policy engagement. <strong>Fundraise</strong> for regional and transnational work.</td>
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<td><strong>National Focal Points (i.e., Member organizations at national level)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Lead facilitation of national networks</strong>; assist national members with transnational advocacy efforts; contribute to <strong>communications</strong> and identification of priorities for international advocacy and policy engagement. <strong>Fundraise</strong> for national level work.</td>
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<td><strong>Members</strong></td>
<td>Work with national Focal Point Organizations to <strong>develop strategies</strong> at national level. <strong>Participate actively</strong> in the work of national networks and regional and international activities. Contribute to communications and identification of <strong>priorities for advocacy and policy engagement</strong>. Assist National Focal Points in <strong>mobilizing resources</strong>.</td>
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Web site resource repository and powerful element of transparency and participation in 3 languages

Webinars launched in three languages

Newsflash is distributed monthly in place of the Newsletter
Donor relations and fundraising

• Extensive relations work with several potential partners and donors

• Four new small grants for 2018-2019 (one of which for a Member) -- about US$120,000 + travel support for people to attend events and partnership funding

• Several contacts/proposals waiting to unfold

• On going reporting for our grants (quite a task!)
Summary milestones in 2018

• Territories of Life
• Redefining “inclusive conservation”
• ICCAs as OECMs
• New partnerships
• Steps towards regional decentralization, our own policies and a financial future
Many thanks for your attention and care!
...& please check
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